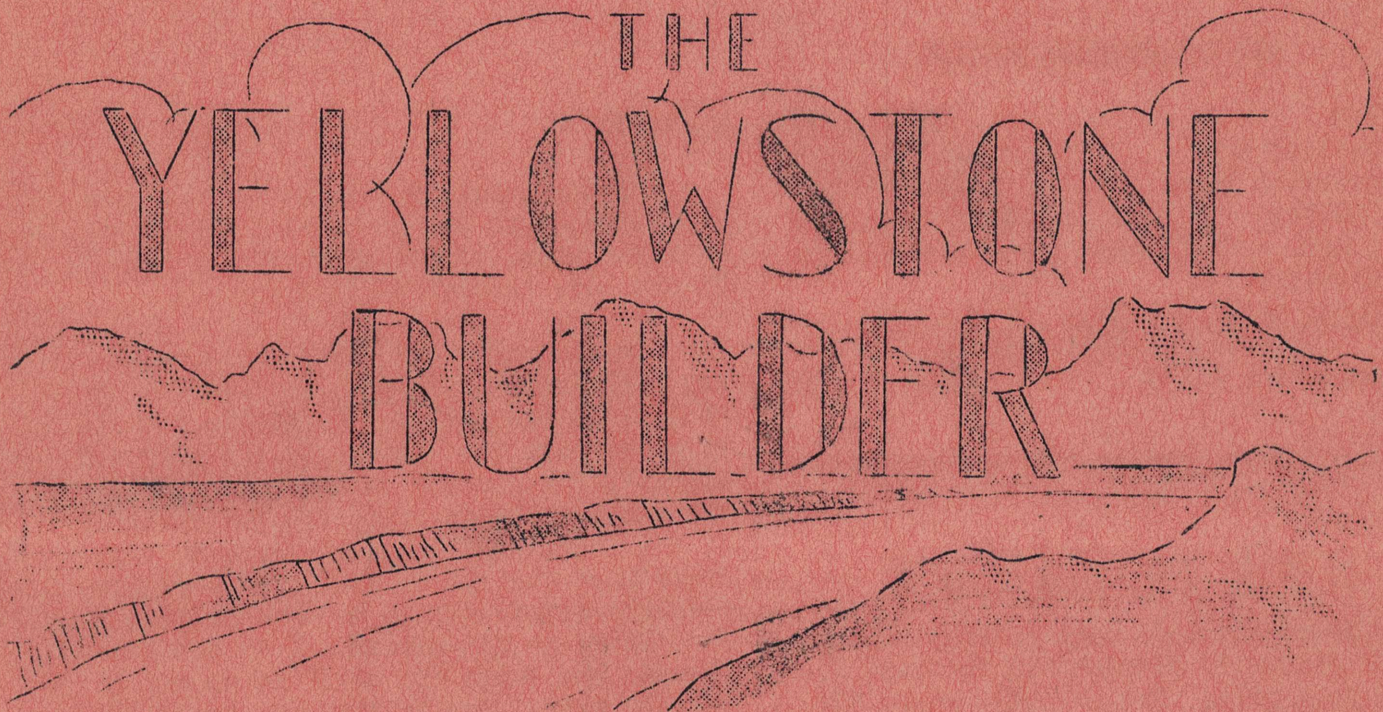


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PHIL FREY VISITS

Bro. Phil Frey of Archbold, Ohio gave a very inspiring message in the chapel Tuesday evening. He described the hardships endured by conscientious objectors during World War I, and contrasted that with the treatment given such men today. Phil himself spent fourteen months under army rule. The conditions under which those men lived led our church leaders to be concerned that it shouldn't happen again, and out of their work grew today's CPS program.

Phil has an active interest in the present program, since he helped open several camps, including the Hill City and the former Galax Camp. Many of the Terry campers are proud to know him as their friend. His talk helped make the men feel grateful to God, the church, and the government for the present setup.

Last week Phil conducted evangelistic services at Albany, Oregon, and he is visiting various C.P.S. units on his journey home.

On Wed. evening Phil talked to the boys on the Subject, "Ye are the salt of the Earth."

PORTLAND CPS CONFERENCE

Director Ralph Beechy and Lorraine Stalk represented Terry at the North western Regional CPS Conference held at Portland, Oregon, May 22 and 23. Representatives of the three church agencies met with campers to discuss problems of the CPS camps of this region. The meeting opened Friday evening with the making up of the agenda for the Saturday and Sunday sessions.

The Saturday session began with discussion of issues current in Washington relative to camps. The question of agricultural workers was considered in relation to making proper allocation of man power in various types of work. Men should be informed of proposed projects awaiting approval, to aid them in making decisions to apply for service. The finance problem was introduced with the cost of M.C.S. camps, which amounts to between fifty and sixty thousand dollars monthly. Thus far the churches have been sincerely contributing to these expenses. Men with dependents should be informed of the provisions that are made for them, so that no one should be
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HUMILITY

Today humility is not greatly admired. The word brings to mind a picture of submission, of "hiding one's head". We are more interested in Supermen.

Even though our teaching of humility has been minimized, we must agree that Jesus did admire the humble spirit. "Blessed are the meek.....the poor in spirit". The parable of the Pharisee and the publican is an example. The religion of the Pharisees prompted Jesus to say, "Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men to be seen of them." Here there is no pretense. I am not sure that He was "meek and mild" as we say in the old hymn, but in Him was no self-exaltation.

Jesus taught humility because with goodness there must be progress, and we cannot progress without this spirit. We must realize how inadequate we are and be conscious of our needs before we desire better things. We will not "hunger and thirst after righteousness" if we are self sufficient.

The goal of life is to become perfect as God is perfect. Then humility is a challenge to greatness of life, not a demand to go about doing penance. Christian humility is based on aspiration, not despair. But we must see that we grow only when we say as did St. Paul, "I have not yet apprehended". Such humility sees clearly one's shortcomings and personal needs. But from it come modesty, sympathy, aspiration for the highest, and gratitude for God's goodness.

G. Graber

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You may have to run fast to stay in the same place.

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And remember the words Elizabeth Dunn
"Change is an easy panacea. It takes character to stay in one place and to be happy there."

Aaron Herr

EDITORIALS

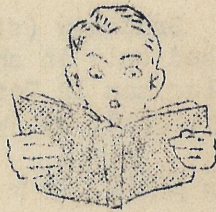
After being in camp several months, a man gradually changes his attitude toward camp life. The novelty wears off, his work habits are pretty well fixed, and he is in danger of becoming bored or even discouraged.

When discouragement comes, the camper may look about for an opportunity to leave camp for another field of service. Even a change from one camp to another helps. In the two years of C.P.S. these opportunities have increased in number and variety. However, it isn't likely that the man who is unhappy in camp will fare any better anywhere else. In another few months the same process will be repeated, if he changes merely for the sake of change. The truth of the matter seems to be that happiness comes not from external conditions so much as from an inner philosophy like Paul's: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, Therewith to be content."

That is not to say that one should not try his best to get into the work he likes best or feels is most significant. Every camper should have a choice of service. But at the present time it is impossible for every man to get exactly what he wants. To the one who is this frustrated, camp life may appear to be an indeterminate sentence.

But there is another way of looking at it. There is no use fretting about what one cannot help. There are plenty of opportunities. Make the most of them.

FROM THE LIBRARY



If you want to be happy for an hour-
get drunk
If you want to be happy for three days-
get married
If you want to be happy for eight days-
kill a hog and eat it
If you want to be happy forever-
have a garden

- Chinese Proverb

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The majority of the fellows of this camp come from the farm, and most of these intend to return to the farm after the "duration". Traditionally mennonite have been farmers. Some of the conservative branches have practically made it a part of their faith. Among all branches of our church interest in maintaining and enriching our rural communities is running high. To see what one of our church leaders thinks about it, read "Christian Relationships to State and Community", by Guy F. Hershberger. Another article along the same line is one by Melvin Gingerich entitled "Rural life Problems and the Mennonites", found in the Mennonite Quarterly Review for July 1942. Other articles on related subject are printed in "The Mennonite Weekly Review" and "The Mennonite". "Culture of a Rural Community: The Old Order Amish of Lancaster County, Pa." gives a rather complete view of a well developed Mennonite community as seen by an agent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one Walter M. Kollmorgen. Mr. Kollmorgen in a letter to one of our church leaders, "My best wishes are with you in your effort to preserve the culture of Mennonitism. I know of no people who have a finer tradition of rural life and farming."

The library has a number of books on farming and soil conservation. Quite

on farming and soil conservation. Quite often "dirt Farmers" can learn a little from books with out becoming "book farmers". One of our new books is "highland Shepherds" by Arthur W. Hewitt, a book of advice to those who wish to become rural pastors. The Reader's Digest for May carries an article along the same line, entitled "Missouri's Fighting Priest".

Some of our newest books are:

My Name is Aran - Saroyan
Admiral of the Ocean Sea - Morris
I Married Adventure - Johnson
Christ in Concrete - di Donato
The Keys of the Kingdom - Cronin

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FILCHED FROM THE MAIL BAG

May 30, 1943

Dear Ezra,

The Red Top Mennonite congregation of Bloerfield, Montana graciously invited the Old Mennonite boys of the camp to take communion with them today. There were sixteen of us who accepted the opportunity.

We met at the bus this morning at 5:30 and went to Glendive. A member of the church met us at the depot with an opengrain truck.

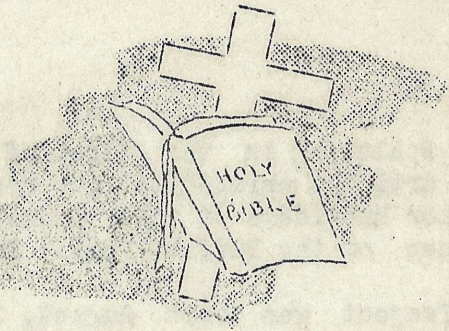
Just as we were about ready to start the 25 mile trip to the church, a rain came up and the wind began to whistle. Only one of our company was smart enough to have a raincoat with him. The driver said that when he came in it wasn't raining five miles out, so away we went for dry land. He took us for quite a sail. We really scratched gravel. We went flying over hills, swerving around corners, and jumping over chuck holes. Well we never did get quite out of the rain. When we got to the church we hunted a stove to dry our damp clothing and undo the knots in our hair.

We greatly appreciated the Sunday School and service, especially as many of had not been able to take communion for a long time. Communion was conducted by Bro. J. M. Kreider of Missouri. They made us feel as if we were at home there.

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BUILDING ON THE ROCK

BY JOE A. YODER



Often the question, "Do you know the Bible?" is asked. After having had several Bible drills as a preliminary to our regular mid-week prayer service, we find that there is much room for improvement in our knowledge of the Scriptures.

Sunday, May 23, Brother Abraham Stoll, Wolford, N. Dakota, visited camp and preached for us in the morning worship service and Young People's meeting in the evening. The subject of the morning sermon was "The Cost of Discipleship", based on Matt. 16:24. In order to truly follow Christ we must deny our fleshly lusts and desires and have our desires centered in Him. Then we must take up what often may be a cross of suffering for His sake and willingly bear it, and then follow him wherever he may lead. The evening message was "Our Youth for God and Christ". Eccles. 12:1. Our Creator deserves the best that the objects of His creation can render unto Him. Youth is the best time of life to remember our Creator. A life dedicated in youth to His service will be spared many sorrows and will escape many pitfalls of Satan.

One of our newer campers, Herbert Dalke, has some ministerial experience. Sunday, May 30, he presented the morning message from Psalm 1, entitled, "The Happy Man vs. the Unhappy Man". The happy man is the godly man, whose walk and look is upward. The happy man delights in God's Word, meditates constantly upon it, and is evergreen, producing fruit and blessing. His joy centers in the presence of his personal Christ. The ungodly man is unhappy. His whole life is a picture of misery and sorrow. He looks and walks downward. He doesn't pray, read his Bible, and can't stand in the judgment. He jests foolishly, speaks lightly, and often filthily,

and all that he attempts to do shall finally perish. The secret of happiness is to receive Christ and then to spend much time in the secret place of prayer.

Thursday evening, June 3, with an appropriate and inspirational service we observed Ascension Day. The themes discussed dealt with prophecy concerning the blessings of Christ's ascension and return. A Quartet sang two selections. The ascension is mentioned at least twice in the Psalms and Christ on several occasions foretold this significant event. Because Christ ascended the Holy Spirit came and indwells the heart of each true believer.

Rev. A. P. Unruh, Richey, Montana, minister to the Bethlehem Mennonite Church, presented messages Sunday morning and evening, June 6. In the morning he used I Pet. 1:2 as a text. In this verse are revealed the three principal steps in the conversion of a sinner. (1) Election by God. Each person is invited by our father to accept salvation. Such as are saved are chosen from a world of sin and shame to a Heavenly Home, according to God's foreknowledge. (2) Sanctification by Holy Spirit. The duty of Holy Spirit is to place Jesus Christ before the sinner in such a way that he will look to Him in faith and accept Him as his personal Savior, then to set apart those who accept to obedience to God's plan for their lives. (3) Sprinkling of Blood of Jesus Christ. His blood has made out of the worst criminal such as Paul, a saint, and ever since has made each one who looks up to Christ eligible for a place in heaven.

Rev. Unruh's evening message was based on the theme, "The Blessed Hope", Titus 2:13. The Blessed Hope is the expected return of Christ and the glorification of our glorified body. It is our

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PROJECT

(The following is the first of a series of articles printed to give readers a fuller knowledge of the founding and progress of the Buffalo Rapids Project.)

The Project was born August, 28, 1937, with the approval by Congress of "an act to promote conservation in the arid and semi-arid areas of the United States by aiding in the development of facilities for water storage and utilization and for other purposes". This and several similar projects form almost continuous chain of irrigated lands bordering the Yellowstone River through eastern Montana.

Buffalo Rapids is the first project of the Great Plains Farm Stabilization or water conservation and utilization program. Its purposes are to reclaim semi-arid land and rehabilitate drought stricken farmers. This project extends along the valley from eighteen miles northeast of Miles City, at the southern end of the valley, to Glendive at the northern end. All irrigable lands are within Custer, Prairie, and Dawson counties.

The project is divided into two divisions. The Glendive, or First Division, consists of 18,000 acres of irrigable land, lies along the northwest bank of the Yellowstone. This acreage takes in the abandoned Glendive-Fallon irrigation district which was being constructed by a private commission. Stocks had been sold, land purchased, and actual construction begun by the commission in the 1920's, but the project never was fully completed.

The Second Division is divided into three separate units. The one farthest south is the Shirely Unit, having about 5,300 acres of irrigable land, and the Terry Unit comprises about 2,800 acres of irrigable land. There is also the Fallon Unit, which consists of 1,400 acres which will be irrigated with water from the river pumping plant, and about 2,100 acres which will be served by the relift pumping plant. All of the 11,600 acres to be served under the Second Division is along the southeast bank of the

river.

The Farm Security Administration had purchased about 60% percent of the irrigable acreages of the First Division and just recently has cleared the title for the abandoned Glendive-Fallon irrigation project. It has also optioned for purchase of about 95 percent of the irrigable land of the Second Division. For the Glendive Unit of the First Division \$1,605,000 was provided under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1937. The total construction and resettlement costs for the First Division are estimated at \$2,165,000. For the Second Division the cost is estimated at \$1,340,000.

This project was cited as an excellent area for irrigation because of its fertile ground and level lands. Long before actual construction began, plans were drawn up by engineers in the Denver offices, using the topographical information of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, plus a topographical survey run by the General Land Office. Every hundred feet of the area was surveyed, mapped and charted, giving an accurate picture of the topography of the land.

When all the plans were completed costs and acreages computed, the final construction began work in November of 1937 on the First Division of the Buffalo Rapids Project. Completion of the was expected during the summer of 1943 but because of world conditions, shortages of labor and materials, and estimated five years is needed to fully complete the project.

-Shirk

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QUARTET TO LUSTRE

A mens quartet composed of Glen Graber, Elon Eash, Vernon Vogt and Royce Engle will go to Lustre, Montana to furnish music for the yearly conference of the Central District of the Mennonite Brethren Conference which will convene on June 13 and close on June 16. The boys expect to stay for the duration of the sessions.

SPORTS

BY

HAROLD NIKKEL



LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Seniors			
Dorm IV Buckeyes	6	2	
Dorm I Cardinals	3	5	.375
Dorm II Bulldogs	3	5	.375
Juniors			
Technical Staff	2	0	1.000
Dorm IV P.D.S	2	1	.666
Dorm I Jayhaws	2	3	.400
Dorm II Bucs	1	3	.250

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The Buckeyes are in complete possession of the soft ball league lead by a margin of three full games. Tied for second and also the cellar positions are the Cards and the Bulldogs. Seems as if the Buckey men have an edge on the rest of the western men.

Buckey pitcher Nate Miller has been handcuffing the opposing teams in his last six starts on the mound. Losing only his first game, he has been successful in all his other pitching attempts. The fact that the Buckeyes are holding their own at bat cannot be overlooked. In a recent game they hit two opposing pitchers for twenty safe hits. Pitching and hitting have been well coordinated by the Buckeyes this season.

"Doc" HEISHMAN LEAVES

Clarence Heishman, former chief clerk in the technical office and assistant to Mr. Fingerson, has been called to serve in experimental work at the Beltsville, Md. experimental station.

Several weeks ago Clarence received telegram asking if he would be interested in working in the quail propagation division of the work at Beltsville. Before coming to camp he had been joint owner and manager of a chick hatchery at Harrisonburg, Va. Since the work with quail similar in many respects to the poultry business, he felt that assignment to be of more interest and value to him than work here in camp and gladly accepted it.

Clarence received the telegram confirming the assignment and the transfer May 29 and entrained for Beltsville June 1.

John Paul, former warehouseman in camp, was chosen to fill the vacancy of Heishman's leaving. Paul has the advantage of former work in bookkeeping, and an acquaintance with the work of the technical office.

Clarence Schrag, assistant warehouseman, has now taken full charge of the work and bookkeeping in that dept.

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CROQUET

A new croquet set has made its appearance here, with a rush for the mallets almost every evening. Seldom an evening passes but that several campers can be seen having quiet but an enjoyable game of croquet. A smooth court has been made in a corner of the lawn.

VOLLEY BALL

In the square between the buildings of the camp can be seen two posts holding a net. This is the location of our volley ball court. Seven teams have been picked to compete in the league. This game has increased in popularity in the past few weeks, but soft ball continues to be the main sports attraction.

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A fellow camper remarked, "I wish we were more businesslike here, had more desire for order, and had more pride in carrying out our responsibilities." Further questioning brought out such points

as sweeping on Sunday, bed making, griping, loafing at work, disregarding safety on trucks, and so on and on. Is he right, have we grown careless or have we become indifferent and a little "tired"?

PORTLAND CONFERENCE
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LAO position because of their dependents. Campers are not to feel this help as charity, but as a duty of the churches.

Detached service was discussed in its various phases. Other topics of interest were: the possibility of medical care of campers by a budgeting allowance or by some administrative policy; the farm labor problem - farm service is to be more or less voluntary as emergencies arise. Since some men have scruples about this kind of work, it was recommended that the service agencies inform the employer of the issues involved in these emergencies, and that no compulsion would be used.

The building of morale in camps was stressed, by more emphasis on finer things in the study of cultural ideas. An educational program should help men prepare themselves to fit certain requirements; Specialized training camps would be an asset.

The post war problem of employment will probably involve some of the work already being done, such as hospital and relief and reconstruction units. The civil liberties if CPS men are somewhat limited but we can appreciate the privilege of having camps under our church agencies, and serving our government conscientiously in this time of turmoil.

H. Stahl

C.P.S. Camp #64
Terry, Montana

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The members had provided a dinner in the basement. My! how we relished the good butter, pies, salads, jellies, etc. Afterwards they visited with us as if we were fellows from their congregation coming home from camp.

Lapp felt so much at home that he was nearly left. We are slightly suspicious that he wouldn't have cared, but we had to take him back to camp.

The weather accommodated us some better on our return trip. The driver had bedded the truck bottom and covered it with blankets to sit on. At Glendive we took the train for C.F.S. Camp # 64. We can't thank the people of Bloomfield enough for their kind hospitality.

Respectfully,
Your brother Nehemiah

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for the faithful. Only the blessings of God that we appropriate for ourselves benefit us. Christ in His high priestly prayer prayed that this hope might be realized. We are not looking merely for signs but for Christ Himself.

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Even if you are on the right track, you will be run over if you sit there.

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